

# PUT POLITICS ASIDE AND ACT ON STUDENT LOAN RATES

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, student loan rates are set to double on Monday. It has been a month since the House passed the Smarter Solutions for Students Act that would stop this doubling of rates.

At a time when we need to restore people's faith in government, the Senate adjourned last night and failed to prevent this from happening. This is extremely harmful to the students in Illinois and across the Nation. Student loan rates should not be held hostage by Members of Congress to advance their own political agendas.

The House's solution takes Washington politics out of the equation and is a long-term fix that moves student loans to a market-based interest rate. It even echoes the President's plan.

Speaking to students in my district, I have heard their concerns about the rising costs of education. Jeni, a student from Batavia, told me that she would like to expand on the education she has received at Northern Illinois University but is already concerned about loan payments when she graduates.

She is not alone. This is a crisis that will further cripple our economy's recovery.

I call on the President to step up and provide the leadership needed. Let's urge the Senate to act. Join the House and take Washington politics out of students' wallets and stand up for tomorrow's economy.

## HONORING SHEA GOULDD

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased today to recognize a remarkable high school student who was recently named the "Young Entrepreneur of the Year" by the National Federation of Independent Business.

At age 14, Shea Gould made a cheesecake that caused a sensation in her neighborhood. One cheesecake led to another, and Shea's bakery was born in Delray Beach, Florida.

Today, Shea is a successful small business owner and a standout student, balancing calculus and chemistry at Spanish River High School with measuring cups and mixing bowls at her bakery.

Headed to college at Washington University this fall, we cannot wait to see the next great step for this young entrepreneur's career.

Congratulations, Shea, on your well-deserved recognition. You have made your family and community proud and we wish you the very best.

# WELCOME, KADEN—THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE WOMACK FAMILY

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the newest member of the Womack family—the birth of Kaden Houston Womack, late Thursday. He is the son of Phillip and Kaylee, and the grandson of Kathy Vance and Earl Vance and STEVE and Terri Womack.

At 5 pounds and 10 ounces, Kaden entered this world completely oblivious to the difficult and complex issues facing our Nation and, indeed, the world. Like every newborn in America, Kaden should have a clear path to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But Mr. Speaker, instead he inherits about \$50,000 of debt that he had absolutely nothing to do with in its creation.

That's a challenge we must overcome. It is simply unacceptable—downright irresponsible—for these innocent babies to face growing up paying for our extravagance.

This grandpa is grateful Kaden was born to good personal health, and this grandpa will continue to do his part in Congress to ensure a bright and sustainable future for his generation.

To my newest grandson: Welcome, Kaden. Happy birthday.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition and the Safe Climate Caucus, I rise to call for urgent congressional action on climate change.

This week, President Obama released a Climate Action Plan. While it makes important steps toward reversing the trend on carbon pollution, congressional action is necessary to get the job done.

Climate change continues to affect our communities through severe events like extreme heat, floods, and superstorms.

For so many African Americans and communities of color, the impact of climate change is real and present. They bear the brunt of the effects of pollution, toxic dump sites, and greenhouse gas emissions, leading to higher rates of asthma and a greater vulnerability to natural disasters.

Yet, instead of working with Democrats to address climate change and promote job creation, Republicans voted on a bill to expand unsafe drilling and make Big Oil even bigger.

That is exactly the wrong approach. Domestic energy production is already booming. The American people are waiting for real action on climate issues. We owe it to our children and

future generations to act now on climate change.

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## EMILY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Emily Whitehead is a young girl from Philipsburg, Centre County, Pennsylvania. Emily wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She loves writing and her dog, Lucy.

At the age of 5, Emily was diagnosed with leukemia. She worked through multiple different treatments. Unfortunately, in 2011, she relapsed. Emily received chemotherapy for months and was scheduled for a bone marrow transplant in 2012, but she relapsed just 2 weeks before the transplant date. Unable to get back into remission, doctors told Emily's parents there were no options left.

The family decided to take a chance. They traveled across the State to enroll her in a clinical trial at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Emily would be the first child in the world to receive modified trained cells, or T-cells, to fight her cancer. By May of 2012, Emily was in remission. The treatment had worked.

I want to thank Emily and her family for making it to Capitol Hill last week. This body needed to hear her story and about the medical research and innovation that saved Emily's life.

## VOTING RIGHTS ACT

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. I rise today to remind us that, on Tuesday, the Supreme Court struck down a critical part of the Voting Rights Act—some would say the heart of that act.

I also remind us that it was almost 50 years ago that President Johnson echoed across this Congress and this Nation for us to open our polling places to all people, to allow all men and women regardless of their skin color to be able to vote, to extend the rights to vote to every citizen in this land, because, as he so eloquently stated, this was not a constitutional issue.

So I ask this Congress, this year, to express our discontentment with what has happened to the Voting Rights Act through the Supreme Court.

## IT'S THE FOURTH OF JULY

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there were 56 of them. They pledged their lives, their fortunes, their sacred honor in the signing of the document that proclaimed that all people are endowed